GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:73
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH BANKS TO TSUNAMI
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any public sector bank is adopting any Tsunami affected village;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the public sector banks have made any assessment on the financial need of the villages of such Tsunami affected areas;

(d) If so, the details thereof, state-wise and bank-wise.

(e) whether the Government has announced a special Tsunami relief package for providing sub`sfdized financial assistance through banks to the Tsunami affected fishermen; and

(f) if so, the details therepf alongwith the nurnber of applications received so far.State-wise?

Answer

FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI P.CMDAMBARAM)

(a) to (f): A Statement is placed on the Table pf the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.73 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH BANKS TO TSUNAMI AFFECTED PEOPLE FOR ANSWER ON 4TH MARCH, 2005 TABLED BY SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH AND SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY.

(a) & (b); According to the information furnished by the Reserve Bank of India(RBI): the State-wise and Bank-wise details of Tsunami affected villages adopted by the Public Sector Banks are indicated in Annex-A.

(c) & (d): The State-wise details of assessment on financial need of the Tsunami affected areas made by the Public Sector Banks are indicated in Annex-B.

(e) & (f): Government of India vide its Offise Memorandum dated 27.01.2005 advised CMDs of all Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to expeditiously implement the Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation package for Tsunami affected areas and a revised relief package including bank loan along with guidelines dated 24th February, 2005 was issued to the respective States/Union Territories i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Andaman S Nicobar Islands for immediate implementation. Tfie salient features of the revised special relief package for fishermen commnity is indicated in the Annex-C & D. Data relating to the number of applications received under the package are not available at present.